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Remarks

Applicants thank Examiner Clark again for her patient and careful examination of this application and the clear explanation of the claim rejections; and for conditionally allowing claims 6 and 14. In response, in addition to the previously canceled claims 1-4, applicants cancel additional claims 5-7, 13, 16-20; and amend claim 10, 14, and 15 to overcome the §112, and §103 rejections:

Claim 10:

Claim 10 is amended to add a substrate element to amend the antecedent defect; and to add a built-up layer element, which includes all the elements in claim 6. As amended, claim 10 is in independent form and includes all the limitations of allowable claim 6 and its base claim 10. Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claim 10 stands patentable.

Claim 14:

Claim 14 is amended to be in independent form and it includes all of the limitations of the base claims. Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claim 14 stands patentable.

Claim 15:

Claim 15, as amended, has additional limitation of a step to provide a substrate to overcome the §112 rejection; and a step to form a built-up layer between the substrate and the second bumps to render the bumps co-planar, thus overcomes the §103 rejection because this built-up layer is not disclosed in the cited references. Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claim 15 stands patentable.

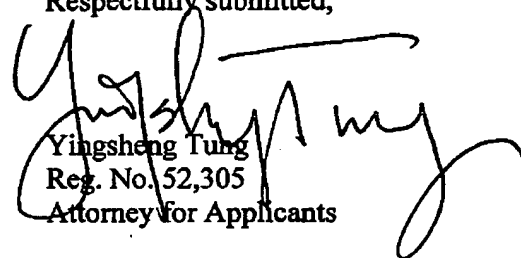
Claims 8, 9, 11, and 12:

Claims 8, 9, 11, and 12 properly depend from patentable claim 10 and therefore stand patentable at least by virtue of their dependence.

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Applicants respectfully submit that, as amended, this application and the pending claims are in allowable form. Applicants respectfully request timely allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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